

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 88

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Teresa M. Kidd on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Teresa M. Kidd is one such estimable individual, who has served with distinction for forty-two years as a mental healthcare professional; she will soon embark upon a well-deserved retirement, bringing to a close more than four decades of dedicated care and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kidd began her career in 1976 as a school psychologist, specializing in assessment and consultation with learning disabled, developmentally delayed, and emotionally disturbed children and adolescents; six years later, in 1982, she accepted a position at Nolachuckey Mental Health Services as Special Projects Coordinator, in which position she spearheaded the development of Employee Assistance Programs for multiple Greene County area industries and organizations; and

WHEREAS, after transitioning into the position of director of Acute Care Services at Nolachuckey Mental Health Services, Dr. Teresa Kidd became responsible for the development of many specialized services, including the Therapeutic Nurseries, Project BASIC, Family Preservation, and Symptom Management; one of her most notable accomplishments was developing and obtaining grant money for the Greeneville/Greene County Youth Alcohol Highway Safety Pilot Project, which brought together individuals from the Health Department, Police and Sheriff's Department, Juvenile Court, and two school systems for the purpose of drug education and deterrence and was commended at the State and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Dr. Kidd became the Associate Executive Director of Nolachuckey Holston Area Mental Health Center, in which position she oversaw the operations of six locations and developed program guidelines that were adopted by all three pre-merger Northeast Tennessee Mental Health Centers; she also served as the liaison for local primary care physicians as they became familiar with the impact of TennCare partners in service delivery; and

WHEREAS, in May 1997, Nolachuckey Mental Health merged with three other area mental health agencies to form Frontier Health; revered among her peers for her intrepid leadership and ability, Dr. Teresa Kidd was offered the role of senior vice president of Tennessee Children's Services. In 2001, she rose through the ranks once more to the position of senior vice president of Tennessee Outpatient Services, overseeing Adult, Children, and Youth Services; and

WHEREAS, as senior vice president of Tennessee Outpatient Services, Dr. Kidd was responsible for the development, coordination, and operation of all Frontier Health Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Residential Services in the eight-county region of Northeast Tennessee; she remained in this position for ten years, when, in 2011, she assumed the role of Frontier Health's senior vice president of operations, in which capacity she planned, directed, integrated, and improved processes to ensure the promotion of the organization's mission, vision, and values; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Frontier Health Board of Directors appointed her president and chief executive officer of Frontier Health; in this role, her duties included chairing the Mental Health and Addictions Steering Committee for the Certificate of Public Advantage needs assessment and engaging the legislative community, including providing testimony at legislative hearings and inviting legislators to an annual meeting and tour of Frontier Health facilities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Teresa Kidd is recognized as one of the most influential leaders in her industry, serving on the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations (TAMHO) Quality Assurance and Compliance Committee and the TAMHO Children and Youth Section

and Quality of Adult Care subcommittee and as an Alternate Delegate on the TAMHO Board of Directors for more than twenty-five years; she also represented TAMHO on statewide councils and advisory groups, and in 2018, she was elected to serve as the chair for TAMHO; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Kidd was named a Tennessee and Virginia Health Care Hero in 1998 by the Business Journal Tri-Cities and received the TAMHO Distinguished Service Award in 2018; recently, she was selected as the 2019 Distinguished Alum by the Psychology Department at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many successes, Dr. Kidd has enjoyed the love and support of her husband, Fred Kidd, and their two children, Jenny Kidd and Dr. Chris Kidd; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Teresa Kidd exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Dr. Kidd has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Teresa M. Kidd our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.